



# Composing Reliable Systems with Virtualization and the Yocto Project®

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# Agenda

- **Why Virtualization?**
- **Xen Hypervisor**
  - Xen on Raspberry Pi
- **KVM Hypervisor**
  - Unmodified Ubuntu cloudimage on NUC

# Content and Continuous Integration

[https://gitlab.com/moto-timo/yp-dev-day\\_virtualization.git](https://gitlab.com/moto-timo/yp-dev-day_virtualization.git)



# Why Virtualization?

**The vendor kernel is dead.**

**Long live the secure  
vendored kernels.**

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# Why Virtualization?

- **Ship images with complete control**
  - Contents
  - Versions
  - Licenses
- **Run applications in an isolated environment**
- **Run vendor kernels and vendor images**



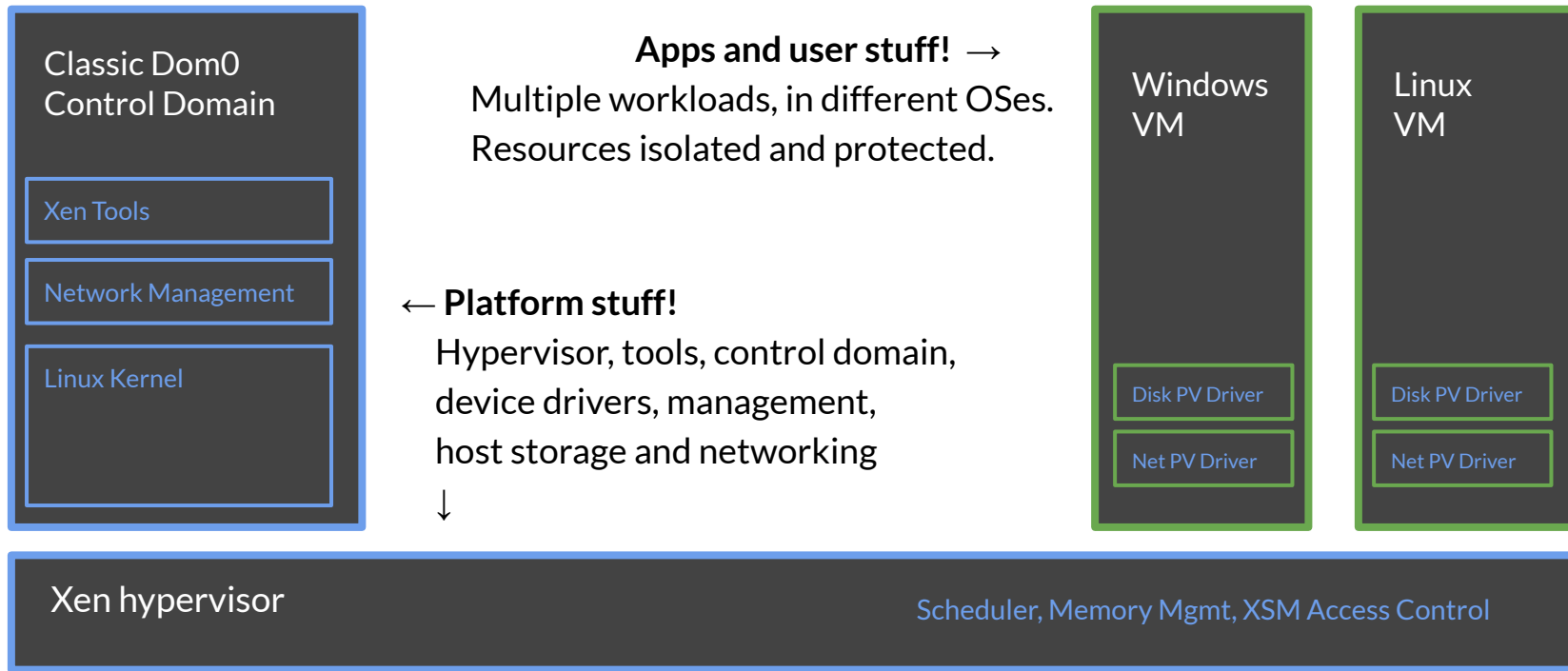


# Xen Hypervisor

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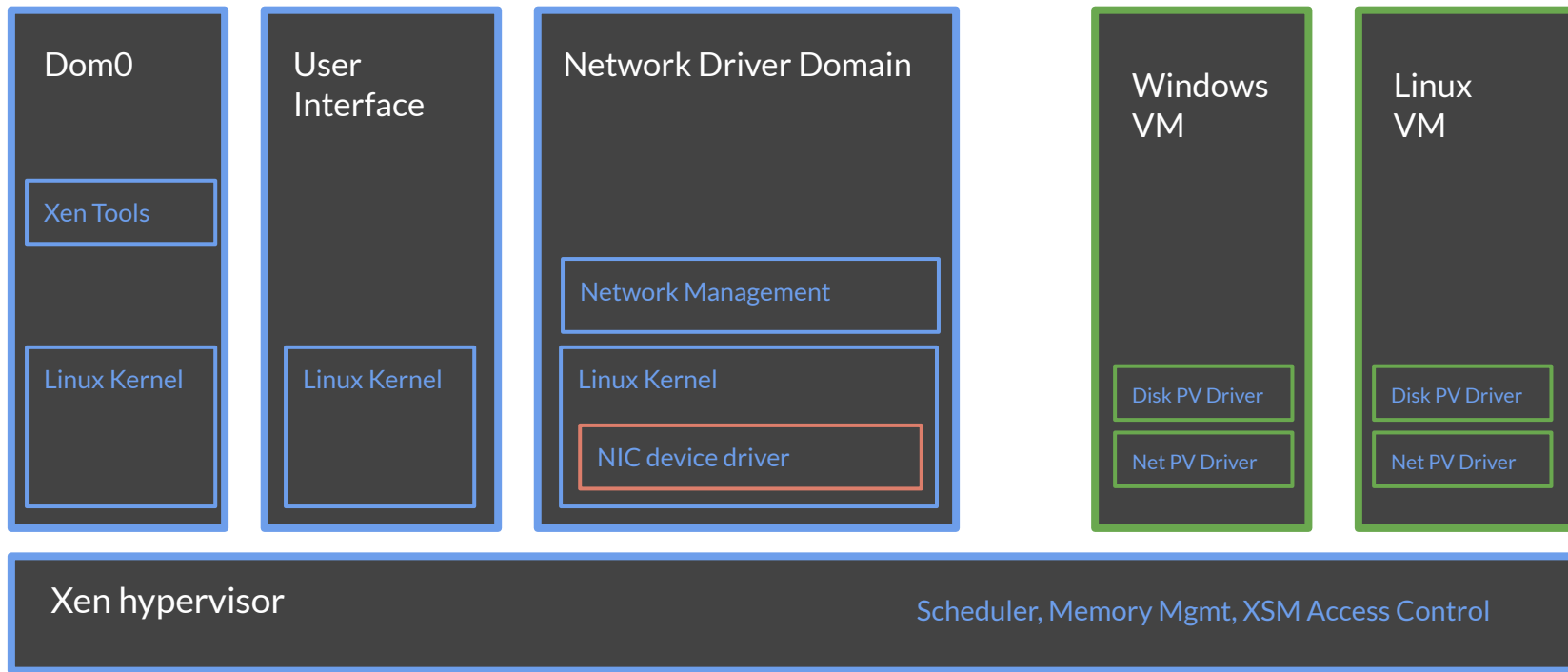
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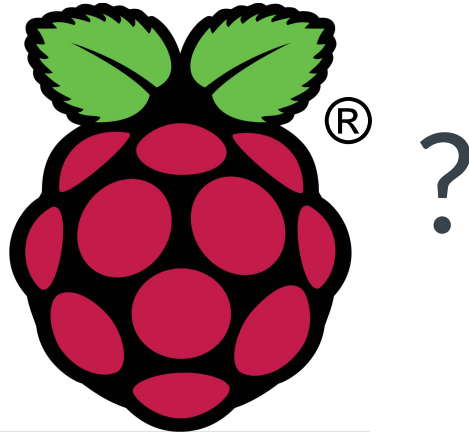


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Yes, but can I run it on my



hmm, let's see about that...

# Bitbaking Xen for the Raspberry Pi 4

Our **essential basic ingredients** are in layers:

- Xen support is in **meta-virtualization** ([source](#), [list](#))
- Raspberry Pi 4 support is in **meta-raspberrypi** ([source](#))
- We'll use **poky** with **meta-openembedded**

Add in a *fresh zesty sprinkle* of:

- a **brand-new Xen-on-Raspberry Pi 4** [patch series for meta-virtualization](#)

... along with some **classic Yocto spiciness**:

- configure your local.conf:  
    MACHINE="raspberrypi4-64"  
    DISTRO\_FEATURES\_append = " virtualization xen";  
    QEMU\_TARGETS = "i386 x86\_64 aarch64 arm"

"Bake!": **bitbake xen-image-minimal** → SD-card image!

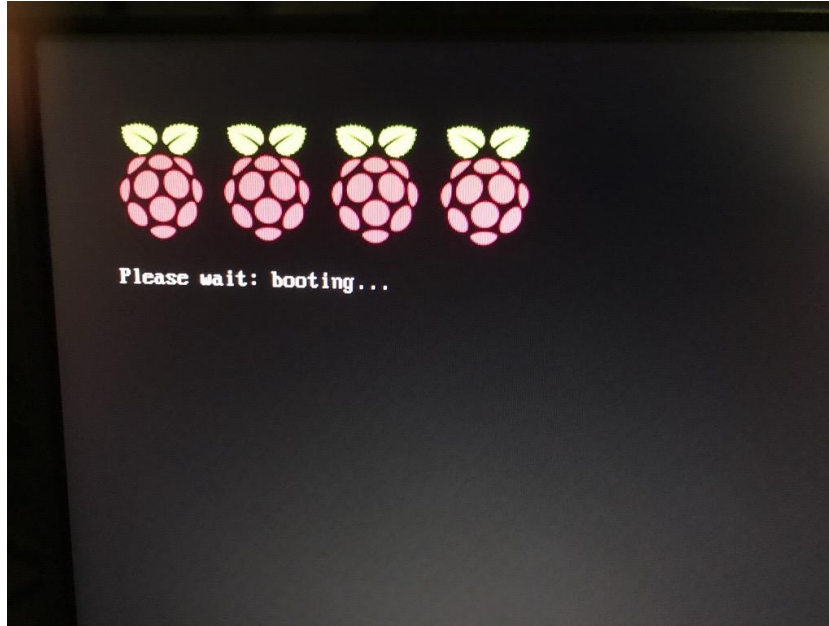
# Xen for the Raspberry Pi 4 : SD-card

The card image contains two partitions:

- **boot**, which includes:
  - xen : hypervisor binary
  - Image : Linux kernel binary
  - bcm2711-rpi-4-b.dtb : Device tree for the Raspberry Pi 4
  - overlays : Device tree overlays
  - boot.scr : Xen-specific u-boot launch script
  - config.txt : Raspberry Pi configuration settings
  - ...
- **root** filesystem for Domain 0
  - poky Linux filesystem
  - contains the familiar Xen tools
  - *does not contain* the hypervisor or the dom0 Linux kernel

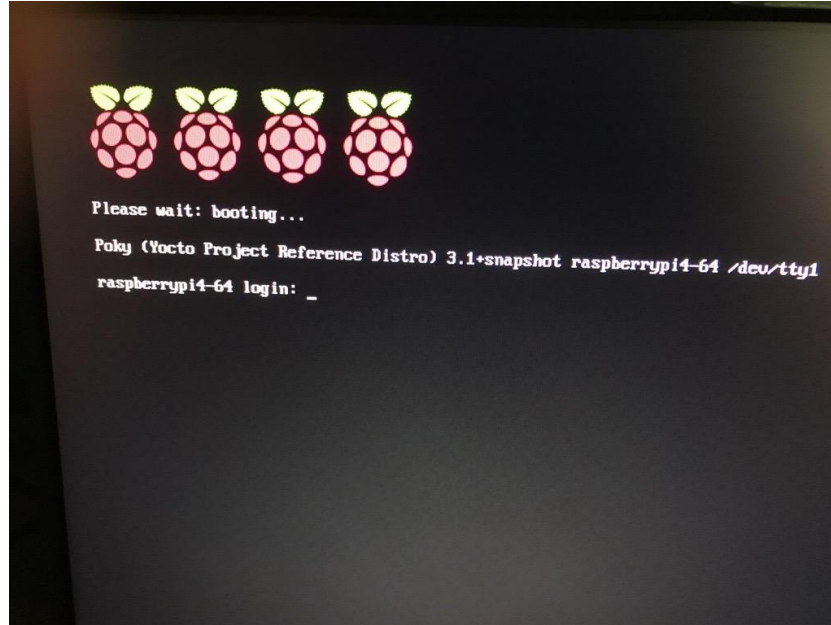
# Xen Hypervisor on Raspberry Pi 4

Insert the SD card, fire up the power, ... stand well back...






# Xen Hypervisor on Raspberry Pi 4



Hooray!

# Xen Hypervisor on Raspberry Pi 4



```
Please wait: booting...  
Foky (Yocto Project Reference Distro) 3.1+snapshot raspberrypi4-64 /dev/tty1  
raspberrypi4-64 login: root  
root@raspberrypi4-64:~# xl list  
Name  
Domain-0  
root@raspberrypi4-64:~#
```

	ID	Mem	VCPU(s)	State	Time(s)
	0	256	4	r-----	66.2

ok, proof that it is actually there and working

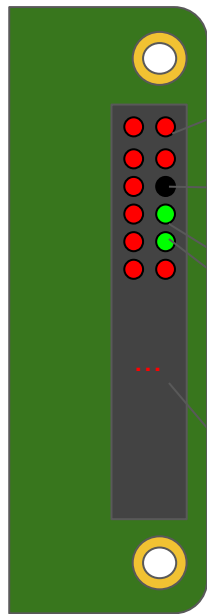
# Xen Hypervisor on Raspberry Pi 4: serial



To obtain for yourself a luxury device such as this, the terms you can use to proceed are: “pl2303hx USB serial”

# Xen Hypervisor on Raspberry Pi 4: serial

OK - time to wire it up! There are three wires to connect:



Pins indicated red here: *nope, do not need those for this.*

This one: **good**, you want it: that's **ground**: connect it to the black single wire on the USB serial thing

These two: **also good: RX and TX**

There's probably some way to get them the right way around, but: **don't use the red wire** off the USB thing, and then you can just try the other two either way and one way will work: **bingo!**

there are loads more pins down here too,  
I just didn't draw them all

# Xen Hypervisor on Raspberry Pi 4: serial

On a nearby machine with the USB serial device plugged in: `minicom /dev/ttyUSB3`

```
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
3.532282] hid-generic 0003:05C7:2012.0002: unknown main item tag 0x0
3.538969] hid-generic 0003:05C7:2012.0002: unknown main item tag 0x0
3.545654] hid-generic 0003:05C7:2012.0002: unknown main item tag 0x0
3.552317] hid-generic 0003:05C7:2012.0002: unknown main item tag 0x0
3.558997] hid-generic 0003:05C7:2012.0002: unknown main item tag 0x0
3.565672] hid-generic 0003:05C7:2012.0002: unknown main item tag 0x0
3.572337] hid-generic 0003:05C7:2012.0002: unknown main item tag 0x0
3.579095] hid-generic 0003:05C7:2012.0002: unknown main item tag 0x0
3.585708] hid-generic 0003:05C7:2012.0002: unknown main item tag 0x0
3.592386] hid-generic 0003:05C7:2012.0002: unknown main item tag 0x0
3.599095] hid-generic 0003:05C7:2012.0002: unknown main item tag 0x0
3.605744] hid-generic 0003:05C7:2012.0002: unknown main item tag 0x0
3.612396] hid-generic 0003:05C7:2012.0002: unknown main item tag 0x0
3.619110] hid-generic 0003:05C7:2012.0002: unknown main item tag 0x0
3.625720] hid-generic 0003:05C7:2012.0002: unknown main item tag 0x0
3.632380] hid-generic 0003:05C7:2012.0002: unknown main item tag 0x0
3.639018] hid-generic 0003:05C7:2012.0002: unknown main item tag 0x0
3.645703] hid-generic 0003:05C7:2012.0002: unknown main item tag 0x0
3.652358] hid-generic 0003:05C7:2012.0002: unknown main item tag 0x0
3.659070] hid-generic 0003:05C7:2012.0002: unknown main item tag 0x0
3.665710] hid-generic 0003:05C7:2012.0002: unknown main item tag 0x0
3.672381] hid-generic 0003:05C7:2012.0002: unknown main item tag 0x0
3.679077] hid-generic 0003:05C7:2012.0002: unknown main item tag 0x0
3.685731] hid-generic 0003:05C7:2012.0002: unknown main item tag 0x0
3.692392] hid-generic 0003:05C7:2012.0002: unknown main item tag 0x0
3.699090] hid-generic 0003:05C7:2012.0002: unknown main item tag 0x0
3.705750] hid-generic 0003:05C7:2012.0002: unknown main item tag 0x0
3.712412] hid-generic 0003:05C7:2012.0002: unbalanced collection at end of report description
3.721303] hid-generic: probe of 0003:05C7:2012.0002 failed with error -22
3.807138] usb 1-1.4: new low-speed USB device number 4 using xhci hcd
3.918694] usb 1-1.4: New USB device found, idVendor=0461, idProduct=4e22, bcdDevice= 1.00
3.926487] usb 1-1.4: New USB device strings: Mfr=1, Product=2, SerialNumber=0
3.933952] usb 1-1.4: Product: USB Optical Mouse
3.938766] usb 1-1.4: Manufacturer: PixArt
3.951148] input: PixArt USB Optical Mouse as /devices/platform/scb/fd500000.pcie/pci0000:00/0000:00:00.0/0000:01:01
3.966844] hid-generic 0003:0461:4E22.0003: input,hidraw1: USB HID v1.11 Mouse (PixArt USB Optical Mouse) on usb-000
4.026945] EXT4-fs (mmcblk0p2): re-mounted. Opts: (null)
Fri Mar 9 12:34:56 UTC 2018
CTRL-A Z for help | 115200 8N1 | NOR | Minicom 2.7 | VT102 | Offline | ttyUSB3
```

# Xen for the Raspberry Pi 4 : simple Xen commands

Testing basic Xen functionality at the console:

- `xl list` - list running VMs
- `xl info` - show data about the current hypervisor
- `ls -l /dev/xen` - examine Linux's Xen device nodes
- `xenstore-ls` - read the contents of the XenStore tree
- `dmesg | grep Xen` - see the Linux kernel messages relating to Xen
- `xl dmesg` - see the Xen boot messages

All these should be familiar if you've used Xen on other systems - and now available on the Raspberry Pi 4!

# Xen for the Raspberry Pi 4 : building a guest VM

Let's boot Yocto Linux inside Yocto Linux! First, build the guest filesystem image:

- **bitbake xen-guest-image-minimal**

Install the pieces needed to run a guest into the running Domain-0 of the Pi:

- Copy in the built **guest filesystem** in a file:
  - .../work/raspberrypi4\_64-poky-linux/xen-guest-image-minimal/\*/deploy-xen-guest-image-minimal-image-complete/xen-guest-image-minimal-raspberrypi4-64.ext3
    - to: /home/root/xen-guest-image-minimal-raspberrypi4-64.ext3
- Copy in the **guest kernel** file: Image
  - .../work/raspberrypi4\_64-poky-linux/linux-raspberrypi/\*/deploy-linux-raspberrypi/Image
    - to: /home/root/Image
- Create a new file: **guest.cfg**
  - ```
kernel = "/home/root/Image"
cmdline = "console=hvc0 earlyprintk=xen sync_console root=/dev/xvda"
memory = "256"
name = "rpi4-xen-guest"
vcpus = 1
serial="pty"
disk = [ 'phy:/dev/loop0,xvda,w' ]
vif=[ 'mac=00:11:22:66:88:22,bridge=xenbr0,type=netfront', ]
```

# Xen for the Raspberry Pi 4 : prepare for a guest VM

Networking - so the guest can get its own network access:

- Create a bridge and move the eth0 physical device onto it:
  - `killall -SIGUSR2 udhcpd` # release your existing DHCP lease
  - `brctl addbr xenbr0` # create a new bridge called "xenbr0"
  - `brctl addif xenbr0 eth0` # put eth0 onto xenbr0
  - `killall udhcpd` # terminate the DHCP client daemon
  - `udhcpd -R -b -p /var/run/udhcpd.xenbr0.pid -i xenbr0` # restart the DHCP client daemon on the new bridge

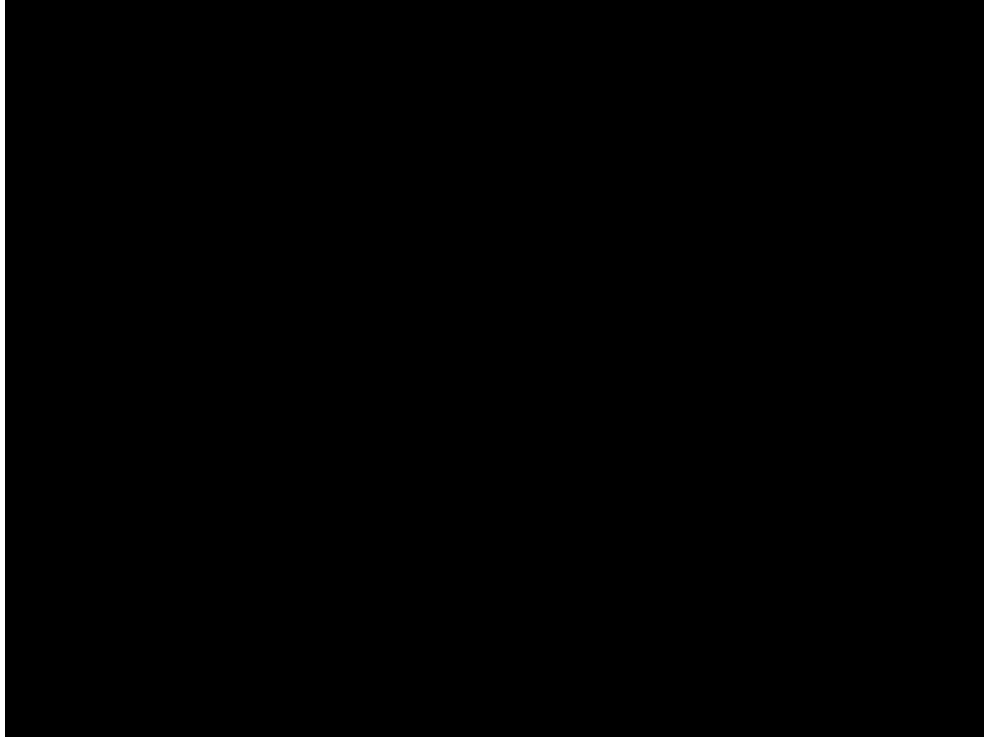
Disk:

- Loopback mount the ext3 guest filesystem file to make it available as a device
  - `losetup /dev/loop0 /home/root/xen-guest-image-minimal-raspberrypi4-64.ext3`



# Xen for the Raspberry Pi 4 : running a guest VM

```
xl create -c guest.cfg
```



# Xen for the Raspberry Pi 4 : the current patch series

OK, so what's in this new meta-virtualization patch series to make this work?

- A new “dynamic layer” for *settings that are specific to Xen-on-Raspberry-Pi-4*
  - A series of Linux kernel patches: DMA fixes from the Xen ARM maintainer
  - Enabling the Yocto kernel cache with the Raspberry Pi kernel to build with meta-virtualization
  - Enabling the hardware interrupt controller that Xen needs in the rpi-config
  - Custom Xen-specific bootloader script:
    - Loads the Xen hypervisor binary
    - Loads the Linux kernel
    - Amends the device tree, that the Raspberry Pi has already processed before u-boot
    - Sets the Dom0 kernel command line, to include Xen config settings eg. for the console
  - A Xen hypervisor “defconfig”, with settings specific for the Raspberry Pi 4 hardware
  - A Xen-specific SD-card class, to include the Xen binary on the first partition of the image
- A new ARM assembly Xen patch to implement an atomic primitive for spinlocks with the latest gcc in Yocto
- Xen version upgrade to 4.13 (and 4.14 should be coming soon)
- A new method of engaging Xen-specific config settings when DISTRO\_FEATURES includes ‘xen’

# Xen in meta-virtualization: beyond the Pi!

Other example platforms for running Xen with Yocto, using meta-virtualization:

- **Intel x86-64: ubiquitous!**
  - meta-virtualization has wic tool integration
    - enables simple production of a bootable image:
      - `wic create directdisk-xen -e xen-image-minimal`
      - dd the output file to your hard disk and boot it!
- **PCEngines APU2: low power, low cost (~\$100), very open hardware**
  - open hardware schematics, has coreboot support
  - add meta-pcengines and set `MACHINE = "pcengines-apu2"`  
then use the wic image - dd it to a drive and boot into Xen
  - hardware supports D-RTM - that's a big deal: see the OpenXT community for more!
- **runqemu !**
  - `runqemu xen-image-minimal nographic slirp`
    - launch Xen at your command prompt!
      - nb: is currently pretty experimental - has worked with `MACHINE = "genericx86-64"`; may need some work.

behind the scenes:  
kas and multiconfig

# kas.yaml (1 of 6)

```
# Every file needs to contain a header, that provides kas with information
# about the context of this file.
header:
  # The `version` entry in the header describes for which configuration
  # format version this file was created. It is used by kas to figure
  # out if it is compatible with this file. The version is an integer that
  # is increased on every format change.
  version: 8
# The machine as it is written into the `local.conf` of bitbake.
machine: qemux86-64

# core-image-minimal is too limiting
target: core-image-base

# The distro name as it is written into the `local.conf` of bitbake.
distro: poky
```

## kas.yaml (2 of 6)

```
repos:
  # Include local layer (e.g. conf/layer.conf)
  meta-custom:

  # Here we include a list of layers from the poky repository to add
  # to bblayers.conf:
  poky:
    url: "https://git.yoctoproject.org/git/poky"
    refspec: master
    layers:
      meta:
      meta-poky:
      meta-yocto-bsp:
```

## kas.yaml (3 of 6)

```
meta-intel:
  url: "https://git.yoctoproject.org/git/meta-intel"
  refspec: master

meta-openembedded:
  url: "https://git.openembedded.org/meta-openembedded"
  refspec: master
  layers:
    meta-oe:
    meta-filessystems:
    meta-networking:
    meta-perl:
    meta-python:
```

## kas.yaml (4 of 6)

```
meta-acrn:
  url: "https://github.com/intel/meta-acrn.git"
  refspec: master

meta-virtualization:
  url: "https://git.yoctoproject.org/git/meta-virtualization"
  refspec: master

meta-cloud-services:
  url: "https://git.yoctoproject.org/git/meta-cloud-services"
  refspec: master

meta-security:
  url: "https://git.yoctoproject.org/git/meta-security"
  refspec: master
```



## kas.yaml (5 of 6)

```
meta-raspberrypi:
  url: "https://git.yoctoproject.org/git/meta-raspberrypi"
  refspec: master

bblayers_conf_header:
  standard: |
    POKY_BBLAYERS_CONF_VERSION = "2"
    BBPATH = "${TOPDIR}"
    BBFILES ?= ""

local_conf_header:
  standard: |
    CONF_VERSION = "1"

debug-tweaks: |
  EXTRA_IMAGE_FEATURES = "debug-tweaks"
```

## kas.yaml (6 of 6)

```
diskmon: |
  BB_DISKMON_DIRS = "\
    STOPTASKS,${TMPDIR},1G,100K \
    STOPTASKS,${DL_DIR},1G,100K \
    STOPTASKS,${SSTATE_DIR},1G,100K \
    STOPTASKS,/tmp,100M,100K \
    ABORT,${TMPDIR},100M,1K \
    ABORT,${DL_DIR},100M,1K \
    ABORT,${SSTATE_DIR},100M,1K \
    ABORT,/tmp,10M,1K"

distro_features: |
  DISTRO_FEATURES_append = " virtualization"
```

# kas-xen-raspberrypi4-64.yaml (1 of 2)

```
header:
  version: 2
  includes:
    - kas.yml

machine: raspberrypi4-64

target:
  - multiconfig:xen-guest:xen-guest-image-minimal
  - xen-image-minimal
local_conf_header:
  tmp_xen_host: |
    TMPDIR = "${TOPDIR}/tmp-xen-host"
  image_fstypes: |
    IMAGE_FSTYPES_append = " wic wic.bmap"
```

## kas-xen-raspberrypi4-64.yaml (2 of 2)

```
xen_distro_features: |
  DISTRO_FEATURES_append = " xen"
bb_number_threads: |
  BB_NUMBER_THREADS ?= "8"
parallel_make: |
  PARALLEL_MAKE ?= "-j 8"
qemu_targets: |
  QEMU_TARGETS = "i386 x86_64 aarch64 arm"
package_config_remove_sdl: |
  PACKAGECONFIG_remove_pn-qemu += " sdl"
The packages-from-images recipe needs to know where images are: |
  VESSEL_PACKAGE_DEPLOY_DIR = "${TOPDIR}/tmp-xen-guest/deploy/images/${MACHINE}"
  VESSEL_PACKAGE_MC = "xen-guest"
Add xen-guest-image-minimal-package to xen-host core-image-base: |
  IMAGE_INSTALL_append_pn-xen-image-minimal = " xen-guest-image-minimal-package"
```

# conf/muticonfig/xen-guest.conf

```
DISTRO = "poky"  
TMPDIR = "${TOPDIR}/tmp-xen-guest"  
PREFERRED_PROVIDER_virtual/kernel = "linux-yocto"  
IMAGE_FSTYPES_append = " wic wic.qcow2"
```



# xen-guest-package.bbclass (1 of 2)



```
SUMMARY = "Package for ${IMAGE_NAME}"
# This license statement is a lie. Ideally set it to something more
appropriate.
LICENSE = "CLOSED"

PACKAGE_ARCH = "${MACHINE_ARCH}"
PACKAGES = "${PN}"

INHIBIT_DEFAULT_DEPS = "1"

# Variables to control where images are found: the multiconfig name,
and the deploy dir.
VESSEL_PACKAGE_MC ?= ""
VESSEL_PACKAGE_DEPLOY_DIR ?= "${DEPLOY_DIR_IMAGE}"
```

# xen-guest-package.bbclass (1 of 2)



```
# The name of the image
IMAGE_NAME := "${@d.getVar('PN').replace('-package', '')}"
# Where to install the image
vesseldir ?= "${localstatedir}/lib/machines"

do_install[depends] += "virtual/kernel:do_deploy"
do_install[mcdepends] +=
"multiconfig:${VESSEL_PACKAGE_MC}:${IMAGE_NAME}:do_image_complete"

do_install () {
    install -d ${D}${vesseldir}
    install ${VESSEL_PACKAGE_DEPLOY_DIR}/Image ${D}${vesseldir}/Image
    install ${VESSEL_PACKAGE_DEPLOY_DIR}/${IMAGE_NAME}-${MACHINE}.wic.qcow2
    ${D}${vesseldir}/${IMAGE_NAME}.wic.qcow2
}
```

# xen-guest-image-minimal-package.bb



```
SUMMARY = "Package wrapper around a minimal Xen guest image"
# This is a lie, see the license manifest inside the xen guest image
LICENSE="CLOSED"
```

```
inherit xen-guest-package
```

```
SRC_URI = "file://xen-guest-image-minimal.cfg"
```

```
do_install_append() {
    install ${S}/../xen-guest-image-minimal.cfg ${D}${vesseldir}/
}
```



# xen-guest-image-minimal-package.cfg



```
kernel = "/var/lib/machines/Image"
cmdline = "console=hvc0 earlyprintk=xen sync_console root=/dev/xvda"
memory = "256"
name = "rpi4-xen-guest"
vcpus = 1
serial = "pty"
disk = ["format=qcow2,vdev=xvda,access=rw,\
        target=/var/lib/machines/xen-guest-image-minimal.wic.qcow2"]
vif = ['mac:00.11.22.66.88.22,bridge=xenbr0,type=netfront']
```

# Thanks

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- hey! See you at the [Xen Design and Developer Summit](#) next week!

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- Raspberry Pi Community

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# KVM Hypervisor

## The Linux Kernel Hypervisor

# Kernel-based Virtual Machine (KVM)



“The Kernel-based virtual Machine (KVM) is a full virtualization hypervisor for Linux. The work of the KVM hypervisor is handled by the Linux kernel. Each guest in KVM runs as a process and can be managed by Linux tools such as **top** and **kill**.

KVM isn’t a complete virtualization solution. It depends on both the libvirt tools for management and the open source processor emulator QEMU for hardware emulation. Therefore, you will need those installed as well.”

-- Stephen Figgins, Robert Love, Arnold Robbins, Ellen Siever,  
Linux in a Nutshell, 6<sup>th</sup> ed., O’Reilly Media, Inc, 2009.

# Let's do this!

# packagegroup-kvm-host.bb

```
SUMMARY = "Provides a set of tools for hosting KVM guests."

inherit packagegroup

#TODO: cloud-init

RDEPENDS_${PN} = "\
    packagegroup-core-boot \
    qemu \
    libvirt \
    libvirt-libvirt \
    libvirt-libvirt \
    libvirt-virsh \
    "
```

# kvm-binary-image-vessel-package.bbclass

## (Avoiding the overloaded meaning of “container”)

```
SUMMARY = "Package for ${IMAGE_NAME}"
# This license statement is a lie. Ideally set it to something more appropriate.
LICENSE = "CLOSED"

INHIBIT_DEFAULT_DEPS = "1"

inherit bin_package

# Where to install the image
vesseldir ?= "${localstatedir}/lib/libvirt/images"

do_install[depends] += "libvirt:do_install"

do_install () {
    install -d ${D}${vesseldir}
    install ${S}/../${VESSEL_PAYLOAD_NAME} ${D}${vesseldir}/${VESSEL_PAYLOAD_NAME}
}
```

Based on <https://github.com/intel/meta-acrn/blob/master/classes/container-package.bbclass> by Ross Burton

# ubuntu-kvm-image-package.bb

```
SUMMARY = "Ubuntu cloud kvm image"
# Probably this should be Canonical IPRights?
LICENSE="CLOSED"

inherit kvm-binary-guest-package

# precise, xenial and bionic do not have kvm images
# eoan, focal and groovy do
UBUNTU_BASE_URL ??= "https://cloud-images.ubuntu.com"
UBUNTU_RELEASE ??="focal"
UBUNTU_IMAGE_ARCH ??="amd64"
UBUNTU_IMAGE_NAME ?=
"${UBUNTU_RELEASE}-server-cloudimg-${UBUNTU_IMAGE_ARCH}-disk-kvm.img"
UBUNTU_IMAGE_DATE ?= "current"
VESSEL_PAYLOAD_NAME = "${UBUNTU_IMAGE_NAME}"

[...]
```



## ubuntu-kvm-image-package.bb (cont'd)

```
SRC_URI =
"${UBUNTU_BASE_URL}/${UBUNTU_RELEASE}/${UBUNTU_IMAGE_DATE}/${UBUNTU_IMAGE_NAME}"
SHA256SUMS_URI = "${UBUNTU_BASE_URL}/${UBUNTU_RELEASE}/${UBUNTU_IMAGE_DATE}/SHA256SUMS"

# See http://www.burtonini.com/blog/2017/06/13/dynamic-source-checksums
do_fetch[prefuncs] += "fetch_checksums"

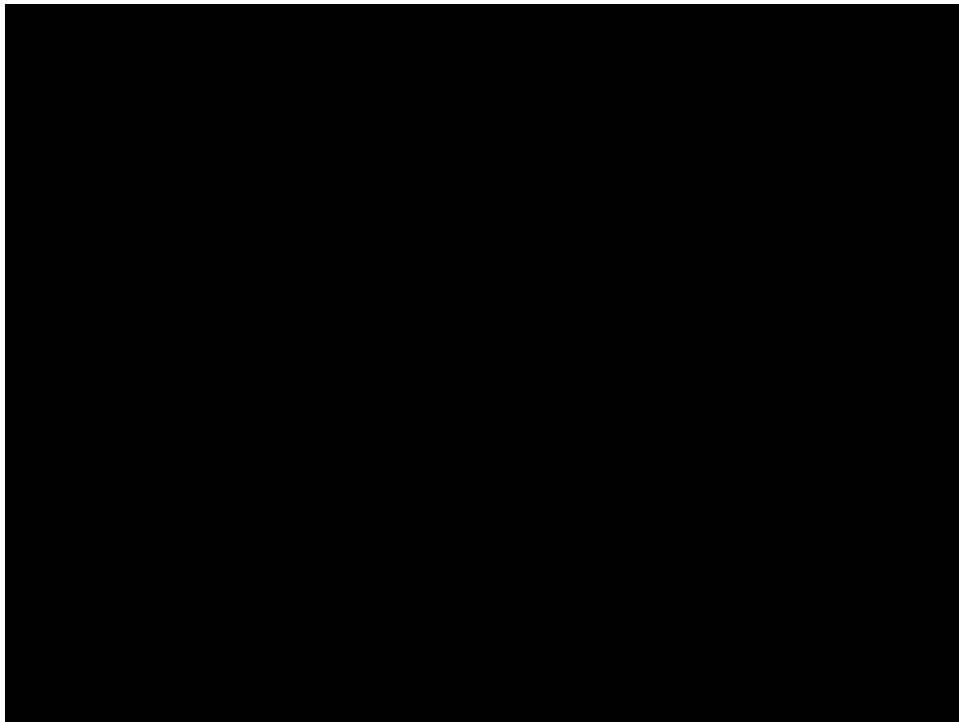
python fetch_checksums() {
    import re
    import urllib

    match = "*{}".format(d.getVar("UBUNTU_IMAGE_NAME"))
    for line in urllib.request.urlopen(d.getVar("SHA256SUMS_URI")):
        (sha256, filename) = line.decode("ascii").strip().split()
        if filename == match:
            d.setVarFlag("SRC_URI", "sha256sum", sha256)
            return
    bb.error("Could not find remote checksum for %s" % filename)
}
```

# launch-ubuntu-kvm.sh

```
qemu-system-x86_64 -m 4096 -drive  
format=qcow2,file=/var/lib/libvirt/images/focal-server-cloudimg-amd64-disk-kvm.img  
-nographic
```

# Unmodified Ubuntu 20.04 cloud image



## Future work

- Secure Boot (see Bonus)
- cloud-init (username and password)
- virsh (use a template to create XML)
- Launch script to automatically boot the guest
- Insert ssh keys into guest (cloud-init?)



# ACRN™ Hypervisor

# ACRN Type 1 Hypervisor

ACRN™ is a, flexible, lightweight reference hypervisor, built with real-time and safety-criticality in mind, and optimized to streamline embedded development through an open source platform. ACRN defines a device hypervisor reference stack and an architecture for running multiple software subsystems, managed securely, on a consolidated system by means of a virtual machine manager (VMM). It also defines a reference framework implementation for virtual device emulation, called the “ACRN Device Model”.

The **ACRN Hypervisor is a Type 1** reference **hypervisor** stack, **running directly** on the **bare-metal hardware**, and is suitable for a variety of IoT and embedded device solutions. The ACRN hypervisor addresses the gap that currently exists between datacenter hypervisors, and hard partitioning hypervisors. The ACRN hypervisor architecture partitions the system into different functional domains, with carefully selected user VM sharing optimizations for IoT and embedded devices.

<https://projectacrn.github.io/latest/introduction/index.html>

# Great. How do I use it?

(With Yocto Project!)

<https://github.com/intel/meta-acrn/blob/master/docs/getting-started.md>

# conf/local.conf

```
MACHINE = "intel-corei7-64"
TMPDIR = "${TOPDIR}/tmp-acrn-sos"
DISTRO = "acrn-demo-sos"
# Also use the 'uos' configuration
BBMULTICONFIG = "uos"
# The packages-from-images class (container-package.bbclass) needs to know where images
are
CONTAINER_PACKAGE_DEPLOY_DIR = "${TOPDIR}/master-acrn-uos/deploy/images/${MACHINE}"
CONTAINER_PACKAGE_MC = "uos"
# Add core-image-base-package to acrn-image-base
IMAGE_INSTALL_append_pn-acrn-image-base = " core-image-base-package"
# Add core-image-weston-package to acrn-image-sato
IMAGE_INSTALL_append_pn-acrn-image-sato = " core-image-weston-package"
# set preferred kernel for sos
PREFERRED_PROVIDER_virtual/kernel = "linux-intel-acrn-sos"
# libvirt in meta-virtualization conflicts
PREFERRED_RPROVIDER_libvirt = "acrn-libvirt"
PREFERRED_RPROVIDER_libvirt-virsh = "acrn-libvirt"
PREFERRED_RPROVIDER_libvirt-libvirtd = "acrn-libvirt"
```



# Add layers

```
$ bitbake-layers add-layer meta-intel  
$ bitbake-layers add-layer meta-acrn
```

## conf/multiconfig/uos.conf

```
DISTRO = "acrn-demo-uos"  
TMPDIR = "${TOPDIR}/tmp-acrn-uos"  
PREFERRED_PROVIDER_virtual/kernel = "linux-intel-acrn-uos"
```

# Future Update: secureboot dm-verity



# Secure Boot

## A Chain of Trust

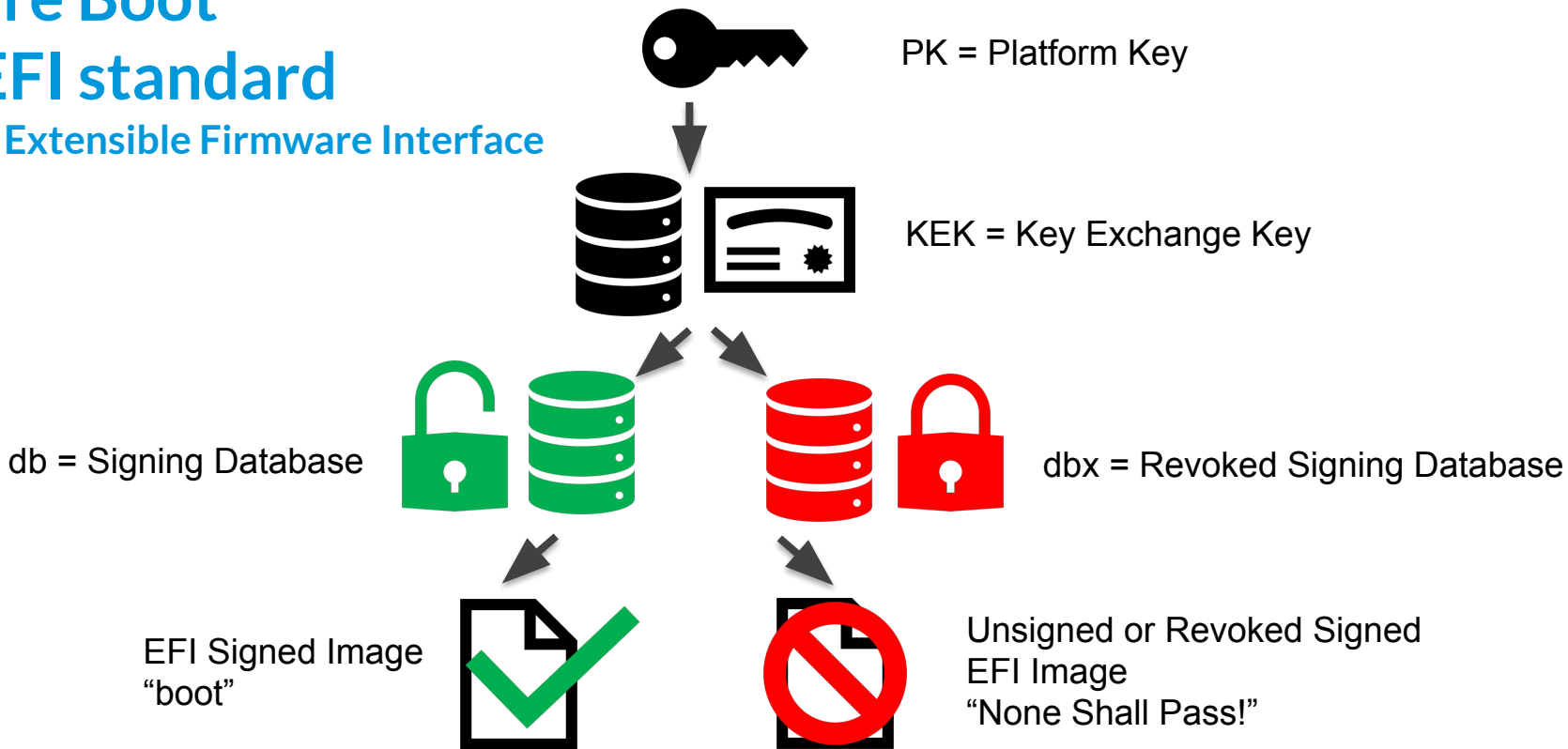
# What is this “Secure Boot” you speak of?

(And why should I trust you?)

# Secure Boot

## A UEFI standard

Unified Extensible Firmware Interface



# It's just efivars.

(KISS)

`/sys/firmware/efi/efivars`

# EFI Kernel Config options

```
# SPDX-License-Identifier: MIT
```

```
# EFI Support
```

```
# Dependencies
```

```
CONFIG_PCI=y
```

```
CONFIG_ACPI=y
```

```
# Enable basic EFI support
```

```
CONFIG_EFI=y
```

```
CONFIG_EFI_STUB=y
```

```
CONFIG_EFIVAR_FS=y
```

```
CONFIG_EFI_MIXED=y
```

<http://git.yoctoproject.org/cgit/cgit.cgi/yocto-kernel-cache/tree/cfg/efi.cfg>

<http://git.yoctoproject.org/cgit/cgit.cgi/yocto-kernel-cache/tree/cfg/efi-ext.cfg>

[https://wiki.archlinux.org/index.php/Unified\\_Extensible\\_Firmware\\_Interface](https://wiki.archlinux.org/index.php/Unified_Extensible_Firmware_Interface)



# EFI Kernel Config options

```
# Extended EFI support
# Dependencies
# efi.cfg
CONFIG_FB=y
CONFIG_VT=y
CONFIG_BLOCK=y
CONFIG_PARTITION_ADVANCED=y
# Add support for optional EFI features
CONFIG_FRAMEBUFFER_CONSOLE=y
CONFIG_FB_EFI=y
CONFIG_EFI_VARS=m
CONFIG_EFI_PARTITION=y
```

<http://git.yoctoproject.org/cgit/cgit.cgi/yocto-kernel-cache/tree/cfg/efi.cfg>

<http://git.yoctoproject.org/cgit/cgit.cgi/yocto-kernel-cache/tree/cfg/efi-ext.cfg>

[https://wiki.archlinux.org/index.php/Unified\\_Extensible\\_Firmware\\_Interface](https://wiki.archlinux.org/index.php/Unified_Extensible_Firmware_Interface)

# Take away this one thing.

[https://wiki.gentoo.org/wiki/Sakaki%27s\\_EFI\\_Install\\_Guide/Configuring\\_Secure\\_Boot](https://wiki.gentoo.org/wiki/Sakaki%27s_EFI_Install_Guide/Configuring_Secure_Boot)

# TL;DR

Tell me how to boot my self-signed images!

# Self-signed images: Backup your device keys

```
root@intel-corei7-64 ~ #mkdir -p -v /etc/efikeys
root@intel-corei7-64 ~ #chmod -v 700 /etc/efikeys
root@intel-corei7-64 ~ #cd /etc/efikeys
root@intel-corei7-64 /etc/efikeys #efi-readvar -v PK -o old_PK.esl
root@intel-corei7-64 /etc/efikeys #efi-readvar -v KEK -o old_KEK.esl
root@intel-corei7-64 /etc/efikeys #efi-readvar -v db -o old_db.esl
root@intel-corei7-64 /etc/efikeys #efi-readvar -v dbx -o old_dbx.esl
```

# Self-signed images: Generate your signing keys

```
root@intel-corei7-64 /etc/efikeys #openssl req -new -x509 -newkey  
rsa:2048 -subj "/CN=secret platform key/" -keyout PK.key -out  
PK.crt -days 3650 -nodes -sha256
```

```
root@intel-corei7-64 /etc/efikeys #openssl req -new -x509 -newkey  
rsa:2048 -subj "/CN=secret key-exchange-key/" -keyout KEK.key -out  
KEK.crt -days 3650 -nodes -sha256
```

```
root@intel-corei7-64 /etc/efikeys #openssl req -new -x509 -newkey  
rsa:2048 -subj "/CN=secret kernel-signing key/" -keyout db.key -out  
db.crt -days 3650 -nodes -sha256
```

## And protect them

```
root@intel-corei7-64 /etc/efikeys #chmod -v 400 *.key
```

# Self-signed images: Preparing Keystore Update Files from Keys

```
root@intel-corei7-64 /etc/efikeys #cert-to-efi-sig-list -g "$(uuidgen)"
PK.crt PK.esl

root@intel-corei7-64 /etc/efikeys #sign-efi-sig-list -k PK.key -c PK.crt PK
PK.esl PK.auth

root@intel-corei7-64 /etc/efikeys #cert-to-efi-sig-list -g "$(uuidgen)"
KEK.crt KEK.esl

root@intel-corei7-64 /etc/efikeys #sign-efi-sig-list -a -k PK.key -c PK.crt
KEK KEK.esl KEK.auth

root@intel-corei7-64 /etc/efikeys #cert-to-efi-sig-list -g "$(uuidgen)"
db.crt db.esl

root@intel-corei7-64 /etc/efikeys #sign-efi-sig-list -a -k KEK.key -c
KEK.crt db db.esl db.auth

root@intel-corei7-64 /etc/efikeys #sign-efi-sig-list -k KEK.key -c KEK.crt
dbx old_dbx.esl old_dbx.auth
```

# Self-signed images: Write the vars

...





**Bonus**

## **How to fix GPT errors on flashed USB or SD card**



# How to fix GPT errors on flashed USB

- Do warnings bother you?
- Especially in dmesg?

```
[1875147.012246] GPT:Primary header thinks Alt. header is not at the end of the disk.  
[1875147.012248] GPT:7079479 != 61341695  
[1875147.012249] GPT:Alternate GPT header not at the end of the disk.  
[1875147.012250] GPT:7079479 != 61341695  
[1875147.012250] GPT: Use GNU Parted to correct GPT errors.  
[1875147.012259] sdd: sdd1 sdd2 sdd3
```

# gdisk to the rescue

Be sure to use the  
correct device

NOTE:  
Use sgdisk for pure  
command line

```
$ sudo gdisk /dev/sdd  
GPT fdisk (gdisk) version 1.0.3
```

Partition table scan:

- MBR: protective
- BSD: not present
- APM: not present
- GPT: present

Found valid GPT with protective MBR; using GPT.

Command (? for help): v

Problem: The secondary header's self-pointer indicates that it doesn't reside at the end of the disk. If you've added a disk to a RAID array, use the 'e' option on the experts' menu to adjust the secondary header's and partition table's locations.

Identified 1 problems!

**x** extra functionality (experts only)

Command (? for help): **x**

**e** relocate backup data structures to the end of the disk

Expert command (? for help): **e**

Relocating backup data structures to the end of the disk

**v** verify disk

Expert command (? for help): **v**

No problems found. 54264271 free sectors (25.9 GiB) available in 3 segments, the largest of which is 54262217 (25.9 GiB) in size.

**w** write table to disk and exit

Expert command (? for help): **w**

Final checks complete. About to write GPT data. **THIS WILL OVERWRITE EXISTING PARTITIONS!!**

Do you want to proceed? (Y/N): **y**

OK; writing new GUID partition table (GPT) to /dev/sdd.

The operation has completed successfully.

# What is the Yocto Project® ?

**IT'S NOT AN EMBEDDED LINUX DISTRIBUTION,  
IT CREATES A CUSTOM ONE FOR YOU.**



The Yocto Project (YP) is an open source collaboration project that helps developers create custom Linux-based systems regardless of the hardware architecture.

The project provides a flexible set of tools and a space where embedded developers worldwide can share technologies, software stacks, configurations, and best practices that can be used to create tailored Linux images for embedded and IOT devices, or anywhere a customized Linux OS is needed.



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